

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for molding a vehicle interior member having an air bag door portion comprising:

~~setting-positioning~~ a three-layer skin having a diagonal cut portion with a cutting direction inclined relative to a surface in a first mold;

~~assembling-closing~~ said first mold and a second mold;

injecting a hard resin into a cavity defined by said three-layer skin and said second mold to form a substrate of ~~an~~ the vehicle interior member integral with said three-layer skin while controlling injection of said hard resin such that a flow direction of said hard resin is substantially opposite to the cutting direction of said diagonal cut portion; and

cooling an integral molding of said three-layer skin and said substrate after injecting the hard resin.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for molding a vehicle interior member according to claim 18, wherein said second mold has a projected portion that forms a groove ~~forming-defining~~ a tear line of said substrate that is set at a position spaced from an opening of said diagonal cut portion by a predetermined interval in said flow direction of said hard resin.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for molding a vehicle interior member according to claim 19,

wherein ~~said a~~ substrate side tear line and a skin side tear line extend in a direction substantially parallel to said flow direction of said hard resin, and said second mold has a stepped portion that is formed adjacent to said projected portion and forms a thin

portion in said substrate, said stepped portion being set at a site facing an opening portion of said diagonal cut portion and extending along the opening portion of said diagonal cut portion in a direction substantially parallel to said flow direction of the hard resin.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 5 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet